



Sacramento County Sheriff's
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Crime
Prevention
Program

ETCH & CATCH

Protect Your Vehicle's Catalytic Converter from Thieves

PRESS RELEASE

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2012

Time: 8:00am-1:00pm

Place: Les Schwab Tires (2625 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento)

Catalytic converters, along with copper and other metals, have become a hot commodity for thieves.

Catalytic converter theft has become popular because of their value, relative ease to steal, and their lack of identifying markings. The lack of identification makes it difficult to identify victims and successfully apprehend and prosecute criminals. The most common vehicles that catalytic converters are stolen from are Toyota trucks and SUVs. This crime, however, is not just specific to Toyotas as any vehicle with high ground clearance can be a target.

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department is attempting to address the identification issue by partnering with local businesses to host a catalytic converter etching event where vehicle license plate numbers will be etched onto catalytic converters. License plate numbers can provide law enforcement with investigative information to identify victims and prosecute criminals.

The "Etch and Catch" event is free to the public and is being sponsored by the Fulton Avenue Association and Les Schwab Tires.

For additional information contact Deputy Mike Saigeon at 875-8879 or email him at msaigeon@sacsheriff.com.

To schedule your appointment, call the Etch & Catch Appointment Hotline at 875-8879.

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